THE PROTEUS INVESTIGATION.

Lieut. Casiare Identifies the Original Draft of Instructions to Lieut. Garlington.

Amendments Appear to Have Been Made Upon Suggestions.

No Discussion of the Littleton Island Scheme by Gen. Hazan With His Officers.

The Protens Not Properly Equipped and Her Boilers Defective,

The examination of Lieut, Caziare was renamed yesterday before the Proteus court of inquiry. Witness identified the original draft of instructions to Lieut. Garlington, and decribed the changes which had subsequently been made. From this it appeared that the original was prepared by Capt, Clapp, and that the amendments were made upon suggostions of Prof. Abbo. Gen. Hazen, Capt. Mills, and others with whose handwriting witness was not familiar. In reply to the court, witness stated that the scheme for landing stores at Littleton island on the way north was original with him, so far as he knew. In reply to Lieut. Garlington's counsel, who called witness's attention to the statement of Gen. Hazen that he (Hazen) had originally considered this scheme and discussed it with his officers, witness said that no such discussion took place in his presence or within his knowledge. Witness explained the reference made to "inclosure 4" in the copy of instructions furnished to the secretary of war after the disaster—a reference which does not appear in the original instructions given to Lieut, Garlington. He said it had been found that a pencil reference to "inclosure 4" had been made on the margin of one of the hektographic copies of the instructions, and the clerk who prepared the copies for the secretaries of war and the navy had by a misunderstanding copied the words into the body of the instructions. court, witness stated that the scheme for

Witness asserted that when the instructions were returned from Gen. Hazen bearing that officers' signature, the memorandum was with officers' signature, the memorandum was with them, his attention having been called to it by his chief clerk. The original draft of the memorandum was given to Capt. Powell, and had, as witness understood, been delivered to the scoretary of the navy. A copy was given to Gen. Hazen with the instructions, and it was this copy which had been returned by Gen. Hazen. Witness said that about the sixth or seventh of June he had been informed by Gen. Hazen that the original draft of the memorandum had been given by him of the memorandum had been given by him (Hazen) to the secretary of the navy, and that the plan for the movements of the Yantic

would be made, or had been made, con-formable to that plan.

Capt. Mills, property and disbursing officer of the signal service, was called to the wit-ness stand, and questioned with regard to the discrepancies between the instructions given to Lisut. Garlington and the cover of them discrepancies between the instructions given to Lieut. Garlington and the copy of them furnished to the secretary of the navy after the disaster. He substantiated Lieut. Cariare's statement with regard to the insertion of the words "inclosure 4," and stated that he had discovered the discrepancy three or four days after delivering the copy to the secretary of the navy, whereupon he had himself told that officer that the words were not a part of the instructions given to Lieut. Garlington, but appeared in the copy as the result of a clerical error. He said that the secretary having called his attention to the fact that the copy purporting to bear an official copy of the records was unsigned he (witness) said he would make it complete, and taking the copy indersed upon it the words, "signed, H. B. Hazen, chief signal officer."

Lieut. Colwell, of the navy, was called to the witness's chair at 3 o'clock. His oxamination developed nothing materially differing from that previously given by other witnesses in respect to the main feature of the case. Questioned about the equipment of the Proteus for Arctic service, he said he considered it very bad. Her bollers were defective, and her owners, before the vessel was chartered for the trip, had arranged to have her sent home to Scolland for repairs to her boilers. Her boats were unseaworthy. She had four boats, two of which would float and two of which would not. When on the frames alsylight could be seen through their seams. Being put into water two of them seams. Being put into water two of them swelled up in two days so as to The equipment boats was very bad. The rigging of the ship was very old. On the way up, some now standing rigging was fitted. The ship's compasses were untrustworthy. The main re-liance was placed on a liquid compass, which was kept down in the captain's cabin. The captain had no idea of the local deviation of his compass. He stated to witness that the ship had been swung once for local deviation since she was built ten years before. one patent log, which was lost by backing and colling it around her propeller. The sailing yessels of St. John's were all old, the Proteus being one of the newest. Her rigging could have been replaced in two weeks. New boats might have been procured at once in any sea-

board town. It would have taken six months to replace the boilers.

The first mate of the Proteus was a son of her captain, 21 or 22 years of age, and had never been in the Arctic regions before. The second mate was a cousin of the captains. also a very young man. He was rated on the ship's books as a boatswain. This trip was the first in which he had ever been an officer. The chief engineer was making his first trip in that capacity, having been promoted from senior assistant just before the vessel sailed.

senior assistant just before the vessel sailed. The beats of Lieut, Garlington were not as carefully fitted as they should have been. They were procured from the Brooklyn navy yard. There were defects in the fitting of the sails, cleats, and pins and belaying shoots and halyards, and some of these were missing in one of the beats. The masts didn't fit in either of them. Gearing was wanting on the sails. The our locks furnished for the steering our were placed too far forward to make ing our were placed too far forward to make the oar of any use.
Witness thought the Yantic would not be

Witness thought the Yantie would not be able to go up directly to Littleton island. He thought, however, she might follow the edge of the pack to the westward and go up that way along the west coast of Bailin's bay. Where the Protein got up the tee appeared to be less cless to the westward than by the route she had come. The chances of her coming up at all were not such as would have induced witness to wait for her.

By the court Well, then, why was the Yantie sent up there?

Answer. I don't know.

The court at 4 o'clock adjourned until Monday.

From Maryland's Capital.

decided to day in the Maryland court of legation at Rio de Janeiro and minister to the appeals which were argued at the October term and contained on the general docket. They were as follows: McDonald vs. Workingmen's Eullding association of Cumberland, Catlin vs. Catlin, and the Maryland Fertilizer and Manufacturing company vs. Newman. In the former case, the order of the lower court is reversed, and judgment is affirmed in the two latter cases. ment is affirmed in the two latter cases

Commissions to some of the candidates retive chamber to-day, and others will follow to-morrow. The governor has designated William H. Barnard, of Garrett county; William H. Barnard, of Garrett toung, Mark Melor, of Baltimore county, and Solo-mon F. Cirnan, of Dorchester county, as chief judges of the Orphans' court of those coun-ties. The resignation of William S. Gordy, as register of voters for the fifth district of Wicomico county, has been received at the

Survivors of Southern Prisons

SOLDIERS' HOME, HAMPTON, VA., Nov. 15. There was a full meeting held here this afternoon of union survivors of southern prisons. An organization was effected, and the association was named "the Hampton (Va.), Association of ex-Union Soldiers and Bailors of Southern Prisons." Communications were received from the parent association at Cleveland, Ohio. A firm determina-

tion was expressed to get a bill passed through congress for pensions, or remuneration pro-pertioned to the suffering sustained or dis-ability contracted while confined in prison.

THE VIRGINIA METHODISTS.

Full Notes of the Third Day's Proceedings of the State Conference. Special Disputch.

RICHMOND, Nov. 18 .- The Virginia Metho dist conference reassembled in this city this morning, Bishop George F. Pierce preciding. The proceedings were opened with religious services by Rev. Jacob Manning, of Ettricks.

The second day of the next conference was fixed for the date of the preaching of Rev. Dr. John E. Edward's semi-centennial sermon. The Rosebud Missionary society recommended Rev. W. G. Starr and Mr. Littleton Cockrell as members of the advisory board of that society. The conference confirmed the recommendation.

Rev. A. G. Brown read a letter from Rev. F.

recommendation.

Rev. A. G. Brown read a letter from Rev. F.
A. Davis, of the superannuated list, stating
that ill health prevented his presence.

Mr. Brown read a letter also from Rev. J.
M. Saunders, on the superannuated list, asking a renewal of his relations.

ing a renewal of his relations.

Letters were read from Rev. B. Woodward, of Spartanburg, S. C., asking a renewal of his superannuated relations. One from Rev. S. T. Meerman, of Amelia, and one from Rev. B. M. Williams, of Texas; Rev. Jacob Schoop and J. A. Biddick, all of which were referred.

Rev. Dr. Lafferty addressed the conference, warmly commending a new work, "Studies in the Book of Revelations," by Rev. William A. Crocker.

A. Crocker.

Edward C. Parham, of Chatham, N. C., and John T. Payne, of King George, Va., and Thomas G. Pullen, of Northampton county, Va., were elected to deacons' orders.

Minute question: "What local preachers are elected?"

are elected?"
The name of James W. Schackford, of King and Queen county, Va., was presented and

confirmed.

The names of Walter G. Gates, of Edenton,
N. C.; W. E. Grant, of Chesterfield: Arthur C.
Jordon, of Patrick: Joseph T. Roulten, of
Wicomico county, Maryland: W. A. Tompkins, of Albemarle county, Virginia, and W.
T. Williams, of Petersburg, who had been in
the itinerant ministry three years, were
nassed.

passed.

Rev. W. F. Tillett, of Nashville, Tennessee

Rev. W. F. Tillett, of Nashville, Tennessee, was admitted to full fellowship, and elected to deacon's orders.

Rev. W. F. Tillett stated that the Rev. Leroy M. Lee had left the manuscript of a work entitled "Dispensation of the Spirit." If a thousand copies were taken by the conference the work would be published. A canvasser was appointed by the bishop to canvass the body.

The bishop called especial attention to the work of revivals and its importance, and ex-horted the brethren to renewed zeal in this The following elders passed on examination

The following elders passed on examination of character:

Richmond district: Revs. Paul Whitehead,
J. W. Bledsoe, A. C. Bledsoe, P. A. Peterson.
John Hannon, H. C. Cheatham, Joseph Lear,
E. P. Wilson, George W. Ray, J. W. Tucker,
John P. Woodward, T. O. Edwards, A. C. Martin, A. C. Watson, and James E. Gates.

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Rev. Dr. Brown offered the following, which was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the presence of Bishop Pierce at this conference gives us peculiar pleasure, and the improvement of his health fills our hearts with graitude to God.

Resolved, That hoping that his engagement may allow him to remain with us during the session and to preach for us, we authorize the payment of his expenses, and will ever welcome him in our midst.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK. A communication was received from W. G. E. Cunnyngham, Sunday school editor, dated at Nashville, Tenn., and addressed to the Bishop and members of the Virginia conference. He says the Sunday school department is in a prosperous condition. The increase in scholars and teachers during the past year was 23,861. The circulation of our Sunday school literature is larger than ever before. We believe the methods of teaching have improved and that all the interests of the department have materially advanced. Rev. William E. Edwards offered the following:

Rev. William E. Edwards offered the following:
Whereas provision was made by our last general conference looking to the inauguration of a plan for the better education of the preachers and teachers of the colored Methodist Episcopal church in America; and whereas the Rev. J. E. Evans, D. D., now present in attendance upon this session of our conference, has been approved by the proper authorities as commissioner to raise money for the establishment of an institution to be known as the Paine institute, and located at Augusta, Ga., for the purposes stated above; therefore

Augusta, via, in the purpose of fore Resolved, 1. That we hereby give expression of our approval of the measures adopted for the object proposed in the premises.

Resolved, 2. That we hereby express our gratification in the visit of Dr. Evans to our conference as commissioner for raising funds for the Paine as commissioner for raising funds for the Paine as commissioner for along funds for the has

prospects. 3. That it will be our pleasure, so far as Resolved, 3. That it will be our pleasure, so far as may be practicable, to aid in raising the necessary means for putting the Paine institute into speedy and efficient operation.

Agreed to.

Rev. W. W. Bennett, Rev. W. W. Walker,
Rev. Dr. J. L. M. Curry, and Mr. Richard
Pollard spoke warmly in behalf of the cause
of the education of colored men.

A collection was taken up for the benefit of the Paine institute, and \$229.19 raised. The conference then adjourned to meet

again to-morrow morning. Methodist General Church Extension

Committee. PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 16.—The second day's session of the general committee on church extension in the Methodist Episcopal church was opened to-day with appropriate religious services, conducted by Rev. John N. Locke, D. D., of Mount Vernon, Ill. At the business meeting Bishop Bowman pre-

A report was presented showing the sums asked by the various conferences and also the sums authorized. When the portion of the report referring to the claims of Dakota was taken up, the Rev. Dr. Kynett stated that this field was one of the most important, and that all the other churches were concentrating their efforts in this district. He believed in making the authorization \$3,000. The Rev. W. J. Paxson made a motion to that effect, and it was carried by a vote of \$0,000.

it was carried by a vote of 20 to 5.

The Rev. Dr. Kynett then moved that the authorization for Detroit be increased to \$2,500, and that both sides of the East German conference be raised \$1,000, both of which motions were agreed to.

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A number of other changes were made, among them the authorization for Minnesota being, on motion, of Bishop Simpson, in-creased from \$3,000 to \$4,000. After benediction by Bishop Riley, the meet-ing took a recess of one hour.

Senor Juan Valera, the new Spanish minister to this country, was born at Cabra, province of Cordova, Spain. He entered the diplomatic service on the sixteenth of May, 1847, when he was appointed attache at the embassy to Naples. He has been secretary of German confederacy at Frankfort. He is an envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the first class (the same rank as minister to the United States) since the twenty-fourth of July, 1865, and was lately representative of his majesty the king at Lasben, one of Spain's most important locations. In 1803 Senor Valora was under secretary of foreign affairs. As a political man Mr. Valora has always served the liberal party in the press as editor of the Contemporance, a paper of great influence in the politics of Spain during the Narvaez ministry. He was elected several times to congress and is now a life senator. As a literary man he is considered one of the best of contemporary authors and probably is the most elegant. He is a member of the Academy—a body composed of forty writers—the highest honor to a literary man, and one of the best critics. He has written many books and the most popular have been translated in soveral languages and published as feuilletons by the Paris Journal des Debats, such as "Popita Jinenez." "El Comendador Mendoza," "Las Ilusiones del Faustino," "Donn Lux," "Parsarse de Listo," "Cuentos i Dialoges." "Algo de Todo," and a very able translation from the Gurman of a book on the Spanish Moors. Don Juan Valora is one of the most respected men in Spain. envoy extraordinary and minister plenipo-

the most respected men in Spain. Have none but the Famous Orator.

THE COMING COMET. It Will Be Visible Here on New Year's

Night. Nightly observations are made at the naval observatory in this city of the comet which is rapidly nearing visibility. The professors there stated to a REPUBLICAN reporter yesterday evening that it is Pond's comet, which was first discovered in 1812. This is its periodic return after an absence in the mysteries of space for eventy-two years. Capt. Sampson thinks it will be visible in this city to the naked eye by New Year's day, if not before. The flery visitor, as seen through the colonsal telescope at the observatory, is rapidly increasing in brightness, although it will not comean at all with the comet of last not compare at all with the comet of last year in either brilliancy or size. It will re-main visible from January until spring.

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